

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
OFFICE OF PLANNING



PUBLIC SPACE APPLICATION REVIEW

DATE: May 12, 2010
ADDRESS: 77 K Street NE
APPLICATION: Unenclosed Sidewalk Cafe

Site Information

Zone: C-3-C
Historic District: No
CFA: No
Neighborhood Character: Emerging commercial district in NoMa

Background:

The Office of Planning received the public space application for review on April 12, 2010.

Relevant Policies of Planning Initiatives

Policy UD-3.10: Sidewalk Cafes

Discourage the enclosure of sidewalk cafes in manner that effectively transforms them into indoor floor space. The design of sidewalk cafes should be compatible with the architectural qualities of the adjoining buildings, should complement the street environment, and should not impede pedestrian movement.

KEY ISSUES

The proposed unenclosed café has an area of 324 square feet and proposes 4 tables and 16 chairs. The sidewalk width from the property line to the curb is approximately 47'.

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION

The sidewalk café is a welcome addition to the neighborhood. However, the drawings submitted with the application are not accurate or sufficient. The Public Space Committee needs to have further discussion with the applicant at the May meeting.

The Office of Planning's recommends that this application be approved with the following condition:

- 1. The location and configuration of seating is re-worked**